

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) The system according to claim 18, wherein the ~~first information entity~~ framework is an HTML[[-]] file.

5. (currently amended) The system according to claim 18, wherein the ~~second information entity~~ overlay is an XML[[-]]file.

6. (currently amended) The system according to claim 18, wherein the ~~third information entity~~ unique, digitally signed electronic document is an XML[[-]]file.

7. (currently amended) The system according to claim 18, wherein the communication terminal is adapted to display the ~~first and the second information entity~~ framework and the overlay by means of a web-browser.

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) The method according to claim 198, wherein ~~making the third information entity unique~~ generating the unique electronic document further comprises ~~making the third information entity unique~~ generating the unique electronic document by applying a digital signature.

10. (currently amended) The method according to claim 198, wherein displaying the ~~first and second information entities~~ further comprises ~~displaying the first and a second information entity such that they are aligned~~ frame work and the overlay on the electronic display further comprises aligning the overlay over the framework in a predetermined way.

11. (currently amended) The method according to claim 198, wherein the step of displaying the ~~first and second information~~

~~entities~~ framework and the overlay on the electronic display is
performed by a web-browser.

12.-16. (cancelled)

17. (currently amended) The system according to claim 18
wherein the communication ~~server~~terminal, ~~upon request~~, requests
and receives the framework and the overlay~~first and second~~
~~information entities~~ from the server over the network~~database~~.

18. (new) A system for administering an electronic
document, the system comprising:

a database including a framework and an overlay, where
the framework is a first electronic file comprising a scanned
copy of a blank physical form and the overlay is a second
electronic file comprising one or more predefined secondary data
fields corresponding to one or more primary information fields
contained in the framework;

a server having access to the database and adapted to
provide the framework and the overlay to a communication
terminal over a network;

wherein, the communication terminal:

aligns and displays the framework and the overlay
on an electronic display such that the overlay is displayed in a
transparent or semi-transparent layer over the framework, and
such that the one or more predefined secondary data fields of
the overlay are displayed over the one or more corresponding
primary information fields contained in the framework,

receives information entered by the user into the
one or more predefined secondary data fields of the overlay,

generates a unique, digitally signed electronic
document, where the digitally signed electronic document is
generated by combining at least parts of the framework, the
overlay, and the information entered by the user; and,

transmits the unique, digitally signed electronic document to the server over the network.

19. (new) A method of administering an electronic document, the method comprising:

receiving, at a communication terminal, a framework and an overlay, where the framework is a first electronic file comprising a scanned copy of a blank physical form and the overlay is a second electronic file including one or more predefined secondary data fields corresponding to one or more primary information fields contained in the framework;

displaying, with a processor, the framework and the overlay on an electronic display such that the overlay is displayed in a transparent or semi-transparent layer over the framework, and such that the one or more predefined secondary data fields of the overlay are displayed over the one or more corresponding primary information fields contained in the framework,

receiving, via an input unit of the communication terminal, information entered by the user into the one or more predefined secondary data fields of the overlay, and

generating, with the processor, a unique electronic document, where the unique electronic document includes at least part of the framework, the overlay, and the information entered by the user.

20. (new) A system for administering at least one electronic document, the system comprising:

a communication terminal having an input unit, an electronic display, a processor unit, and a memory unit, where memory unit includes a framework and an overlay,

where the framework is a first electronic file generated by scanning a blank physical form including one or more primary information fields, and the overlay is a second

user-fillable electronic file including one or more user-fillable secondary data fields corresponding to the one or more primary information fields of the framework; and,

where the processor is adapted to:

display the framework and the overlay on the electronic display such that the overlay is transparently or semi-transparently displayed above the framework and such that the one or more user-fillable secondary data fields of the overlay are aligned with and displayed above the corresponding one or more primary information fields of the framework,

receive information entered by the user via the input unit into the one or more user-fillable secondary data fields, and,

generate a unique, digitally signed electronic document, where the digitally signed electronic document is generated by combining at least parts of the data in the framework, the overlay, and the information entered by the user.

21. (new) The system according to claim 18, wherein the framework further comprises one or more primary data fields including questions and/or instructions associated with the one or more primary information fields.